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W. R. Abbott & Co.

Their Stock is the Largest.
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G. W. SCOVILL,
211, 213 and 215 South Side City Park,
Complete House Furnisher on Easy Payments.

Special Reductions will be made in all Departments

For THIS WEEK ONLY at

J. H. LEONARD'S,

223 South Park Street, (Roach Bros.' Old Stand.)

Our spring goods are coming in fast and we must make room for them. We will sell every article in our vast stock at COST and LESS—goods must go. Here are a few items worthy of consideration:

Another lot of Towels as before.....4c each
50 dozen more Men's Seamless Socks.....6 pairs for 25c
8 dozen assorted Kid Gloves, sold at \$1 per pair.....69c
25 dozen Men's Suspenders, never sold for less than 25c.....10c
4 dozen assorted Corsets will be sold at.....25c each
50 pieces White Goods, sold up to 25c yd. at.....5c
13 dozen Standard Thread.....5c a spool
1 lot Basting Thread.....1c a spool

"All our Dress Goods will receive Special Attention. This week will close out lots of goods not quite sold last week. The prices will remain the same until all are sold. Remnants have been gradually accumulating during this sale and have been receiving Special Cut Price Attention for This Week."

J. H. LEONARD.

Too Much RISK

Your grocer may tell you he has flour at a less price that is just as good as

PILLSBURY'S BEST.

He will not claim that he has anything any better because—

PILLSBURY'S BEST is the BEST THERE IS.

Then what's the good of trying experiments with your bread and butter.

REID'S German COUGH AND KIDNEY CURE.
Contains no Poison.

Reid's German Pills cure Constipation and Malaria. Sylvan Gum purifies the breath.

"**Mother's Friend**" MAKES CHILD BIRTH EASY.

COLVIN, La., Dec 2, 1886.—My wife used "MOTHER'S FRIEND" before her third confinement, and says she would not be without it for hundreds of dollars.—DOCK MILLS.

Sent by express or mail, on account of price, \$1.00 per bottle. Postage 10¢. Send 10¢ postage. Sold by all Druggists.

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By mail, postage paid, one year.....\$5.00
Delivered by carrier to any part of city
Per week, 10 cents; Yearly, in advance.....\$5.00
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Address THE EVENING REPUBLICAN, 126 South Water street, Decatur, Illinois.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1895.

WHAT has become of our late congressman, W. M. Springer? He seems to be "out of sight."

PLATT, of New York, has abandoned his plan for bringing Mayor Strong to terms and now proposes to read Strong out of the party. That job may require a good deal of reading.

ANY man can get a Democratic nomination this year who is willing to pay for printing the tickets and a few other incidental expenses necessary to identify the organization.

THE St. Louis *Globe Democrat* is of the opinion that the present administration has more foreign complications on its hands, with less ability to adjust them in a proper and satisfactory way, than has been the misfortune of any previous one for a quarter of a century.

THE Republican legislature of Indiana, which has just adjourned, accomplished a large amount of work by the way of reforming the legislation of 20 years of Democratic power in the state. The iniquitous congressional gerrymander by which the Republicans were only able to elect three members of congress out of thirteen was repealed and an equitable apportionment substituted for it. They did not stop at this but wiped out other infamous partisan legislation and substituted laws in the interests of all the people or in recognition of their rights. They passed a local option law which was much needed to bring the liquor traffic under restraint, and provided for the erection of a home for indigent and helpless old soldiers, and also amended the tax laws. The attempt of the governor by a trick to defeat a bill passed to correct a partisan measure enacted by the Democrats resulted in a riot at the close of the session, but the Republicans were successful in defeating the governor's scheme, yet they had to meet a mob of bulldozers to do it.

A Reform Error.

The Civic Federation is an organization in Chicago, the object of which is to secure better city government by demanding of each of the great political parties that none but the best available men shall be nominated.

It is supposed to consist of men from all political parties, each devoted to the interest of municipal reform. Attempts have been made both from within and without this organization to use it in the interest of the Democratic party, by tempting it to put up a third party ticket. But these efforts have all failed, and the Federation stands as it started out, non-partisan.

But it has been doing some business along its line, and the result is that it has laid itself open to severe criticism. Some days ago the city council passed a very objectionable ordinance. The people held two great massmeetings to protest against the ordinance and asked a veto at the hands of the mayor. The mayor refused to heed the appeal and signed the ordinance. A large majority of the Republicans in the council voted against the ordinance, and only two Democrats out of the whole number in the council voted against it. Some of the Republicans who voted for the ordinance and some of the candidates who voted for it are candidates for re-election.

THE Civic Federation has taken steps to defeat the two Republican aldermen who voted for the ordinance and are candidates for re-election, but it has taken no steps to defeat any of the numerous Democratic aldermen who voted for the ordinance, and are standing for re-election. This is eminently unfair and is calculated to do the federation much harm and destroy public confidence in its judgment or its honesty of course.

This course in this matter can be explained only upon one theory, and that is, that these gentlemen in the organization who are constitutionally opposed to the Republican party have had more influence in shaping the course of the federation in this matter than they should have been permitted to have. There can be no other reason why a discrimination should be made against Republicans. This leads to the conclusion that if the party prejudices of Democratic reformers must be deferred to keep them in the reform column of such an organization the organization must be a failure, for the simple reason that the people deferred to are not reformers, but simply partisans in reform garments. Past experience proves that this is in all probability the reason for this most extraordinary conduct of the federation.

Legislation for Veterans.

Senator Bogardus has introduced a bill in the Senate that is of special interest to old soldiers. It provides that

the overseers of the poor in towns and cities shall provide such sums of money as may be necessary, to be drawn upon by the commander or quartermaster of local grand army posts for the relief of the necessities of indigent soldiers or sailors, or the families of those deceased, and that proper vouchers shall be returned for the same. The beneficiaries must have been residents of the state for at least one year. When there is no G. A. R. post in the town the nearest post thereto shall have jurisdiction, and aid shall be furnished upon the application of a local relief committee. A detailed account of the relief so furnished shall be filed with the city town clerk once in each year at a date specified. Overseers of the poor are prohibited from sending indigent soldiers to any almshouse, or their children to any orphan asylum, without the consent of the commander of the post interested or the local relief committee. The design of the bill is to prevent old soldiers or their families from being rated as paupers, and it further provides that the commander of the department of Illinois, G. A. R. shall submit to the governor on January 1 of each year, any matters of interest in connection with the needs of veteran soldiers, or work performed under this act, in order that the people may be informed in regard thereto.

Created Terror Among Employees.

Washington Special: Chief Clerk Renick, of the state department is stirring up the employees of that office with a sharpstick. Renick believes in an honest day's work for honest money. Such a thing was never before heard of in that rather easy going and aristocratic bureau, and consternation reigns among society young men employed there. Beginning with January 1, 1894, he has kept a record of the time each clerk and employee arrived at the department in the morning, and his record is now complete for the full calendar year. In case the watchmen at the various entrances failed to note the arrival of any employee, a messenger was sent to his desk to see if he was there. The system adopted was perfect, the chief clerk being enabled to report to the minute the exact time lost by each employee in tardiness during the last calendar year. Calculations have been made as to the money value of the time lost based on the annual salary of each individual, and Renick instructed the disbursing clerk of the department to deduct the amount from the salaries of the delinquents for the present month of March. In one case the deductions for the amount to \$1.30, in another \$2.80, the greatest deduction in any one case being \$9.60. The clerks claim it is a poor rule that won't work both ways, and that they should be paid for overtime when they stay till 5 or 6 o'clock in the evening, as is often the case.

Greatness.

Nothing but me amounts to shucks,
And I must be off-a-shootin' ducks.
Most everybody but me's a fool,
And I am the Wisdom, Trust and Pool.
I hate newspapers; they're liars all,
And some of 'em actually have the gall,
To confound the rogues to differ with me,
This country is altogether too free.
I hate politicians, young and old,
Who will not do as they are told.
I hate the Congress, I'm glad it's done,
And the next I'd like to close with a gun.
The people are fools, or they'd jump with glee
At the chance of helping and praising me.
I'll go out ducking, I swear I will,
Forget the country and dream of ill.
Bring up my tender, the Violet,
Upon this voyage my heart is set.
I strive to stifle the painful sob,
But my heart will pine for Captain Bob
Ah, well, on another command he's gone,
But at least he's left the demijohn.
Astrot, away! I will slaughter ducks,
Nowbody else but me amounts to shocks.
Up stream! Let my banner be unfurled,
I'm still the Greatest Man in the World.

—New York Sun.

FOR SPRING.

Powers' is the only store that can show gentlemen's new (Wakolean last) shoes, AA and E, 6 to 11½, tan and patent leathers. m12-dkwt!

A TELEPHONE line is being built from Home to Ogden.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Cataract that cannot be cured by Hall's Cataract Cure.

F. J. CHENEE & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

We the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

West & Trux, Wholesale Druggists,

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Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Sold by all druggists, 75c per bottle. Testimony

of course.

Its power is beyond question, and it is

now in general use throughout the

United States.

It is a safe and reliable remedy.



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1895.

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. McLean, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Evening subject, "Seven Steps to the Top." A series of six meetings.

Strangers and others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL.

Corner of Main street and Haworth avenue.

Sunday school at 2 p. m., K. J. Simpson, sup't.

COLLEGiate ST. CHAPEL.

Sunday school at 2 p. m., Dr. C. E. Nichols, Sept.

P. E. Taintor, cement contractor of Springfield, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Ella McKinney, after a visit with Decatur friends, left to-day for her home in Havana.

Will Fletcher is home to spend Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fletcher.

Mrs. W. F. Calhoun and family left to-day for Tuscola to visit relatives for several days.

Miss Fannie Richards, of Arcola, who has been visiting friends in the city, has returned home.

John H. Stevenson, of the Great Western Collecting agency, is in Macon on business.

Miss Alice Bayley, stenographer for the Great Western Collecting agency, is visiting friends in Lovington.

The Tax Office.

Collector Morgan, who has done his level best to please everybody, authorizes the statement to be made that the tax office will be closed to-night until Monday at noon, when it will be open again until 10 o'clock that night to receive payment of taxes from Wabash employees.

The Wabash pay will be secured by the railroad men. Mr. Morgan will not arrive until noon Monday, and many of the employees cannot pay up until they get their money. Therefore Mr. Morgan makes this special arrangement, which, of course, cannot fail to be appreciated by the railroad men. Mr. Morgan will turn over his books to the county treasurer next week.

Comedy-Drama To-Night.

"In Old Kentucky," which is to be seen here again to-night, is one of the most elaborate and expensive productions of the year. As may be imagined, the story is laid in Kentucky, and fine opportunities are offered for scenic display.

The play opens in the mountains of southern Kentucky, and the scene shifts to the beautiful bluegrass region, where the audience is given an excellent idea of all that is typical of Kentucky life. There is a stirring race between genuine Kentucky horses, and numerous other exciting scenes of absorbing interest.

TAXES PAID IN.

Settlements were made with County Treasurer Patterson to-day as follows:

Friend's Creek Township—Orente Lee, collector: Amount assessed, \$1,419.46; collected, \$1,325.74; delinquent, \$1,093.72; commission, \$246.51.

Milian Township—J. V. Moody, collector: Amount assessed, \$5,114.33; collected, \$3,919.75; delinquent, \$1,294.58; commission, \$76.39.

Gospel service in the rooms in Columbia block at 8:30 p. m. Men invited.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16, 1895. THE REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis, for the following market quotes:

Wheat—Open^{ing}, High^{est}, Low^{est}, Clos^{ing}.
March 65 1/2 67 1/4 65 1/2 66
April 67 1/2 67 1/4 65 1/2 67 1/2
May 67 1/2 67 1/4 65 1/2 67 1/2
June 64 1/2 65 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2
July 62 1/2 63 1/2 60 1/2 62 1/2
Sept. 60 1/2 61 1/2 58 1/2 60 1/2
Oct. 58 1/2 59 1/2 57 1/2 58 1/2
Nov. 56 1/2 57 1/2 55 1/2 56 1/2
Dec. 54 1/2 55 1/2 53 1/2 54 1/2
Jan. 52 1/2 53 1/2 51 1/2 52 1/2
Feb. 50 1/2 51 1/2 49 1/2 50 1/2
Mar. 48 1/2 49 1/2 47 1/2 48 1/2
Apr. 46 1/2 47 1/2 45 1/2 46 1/2
May 44 1/2 45 1/2 43 1/2 44 1/2
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Feb. 28 1/2 29 1/2 27 1/2 28 1/2
Mar. 26 1/2 27 1/2 25 1/2 26 1/2
Apr. 24 1/2 25 1/2 23 1/2 24 1/2
May 22 1/2 23 1/2 21 1/2 22 1/2
June 20 1/2 21 1/2 19 1/2 20 1/2
July 18 1/2 19 1/2 17 1/2 18 1/2
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Oct. 14 1/2 15 1/2 13 1/2 14 1/2
Nov. 12 1/2 13 1/2 11 1/2 12 1/2
Dec. 10 1/2 11 1/2 9 1/2 10 1/2
Jan. 8 1/2 9 1/2 7 1/2 8 1/2
Feb. 6 1/2 7 1/2 5 1/2 6 1/2
Mar. 5 1/2 6 1/2 4 1/2 5 1/2
Apr. 5 1/2 6 1/2 4 1/2 5 1/2
May 5 1/2 6 1/2 4 1/2 5 1/2
Wheat—putts, 66¢; calls, 57¢; 67¢; May, 54¢.
TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOADS.
Wheat—Estimated, 40; Year ago, 39.
Oats—174. Estimated, 190; a year ago, 39.
Oats—197. Estimated, 110; a year ago, 29.
ESTIMATES FOR MONDAY.
Wheat—25; Corn, 255; Oats, 160.
Clearances of wheat and flour from both coasts for week from both coasts for week, 2,296,000, against 3,075,000 last week, and 3,358,000 a year ago.
Minneapolis received 287 cars of wheat and flour, a total of 327, against 337 a year ago. There were no new features in the corn market at all. Trade was light.
The trade in oats was small, market dull and the range narrow.
Hog receipts 15,000, estimated, 18,000. Market firm. Light, \$1.25-\$1.45. Mixed, \$1.30-\$1.45. Heavy, \$1.25-\$1.75. Round, \$1.20-\$1.45.
Estimated for Monday, 160.
Cattle receipts 800; market steady.
London, 1 p. m.—Off coast, wheat quiet but steady. On passage, wheat quiet. Corn quiet.
Liverpool (private)—What quiet; prices rather weak; unchanged.

DECATUR STOCK MARKET.

The following are the ruling prices paid by local dealers for stock:

Cows and Heifers 2.75-23.00
Sheep 3.00-23.50
Hogs 4.00-25.00
Cattle 3.00-23.75
Sheep 3.00-24.00
Export Cattle 3.50-24.00

POULTRY MARKET.

Ruling prices for live poultry per pound:

Hens, 15¢; hen turkey, 75¢; geese, 50¢; tom turkey, 50¢; ducks, 25¢; geese, 25¢; schags, 25¢; ad roosters, 25¢.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. H. M. Whitmer is convalescent.

Mrs. C. A. Ewing has returned from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bolen are in Iowa, visiting friends.

D. S. Shellabarger is in Peoria to visit his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Hillman.

Mrs. H. C. Anthony is confined to her home with an attack of the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Decker, of Virginia, is in the city visiting relatives.

Miss Josephine Patterson, of Sullivan, is the guest of J. C. Ruggin and family.

L. Stafford, of Minneapolis, is the guest of his uncle, Moses Stafford and family.

Mrs. Richard Meyers came home yesterday after a visit with friends in Tuscola.

Mrs. Julia Bicknell, of Lovington, is the guest of her son, J. S. Bicknell, and wife.

The father of the young man arrived in the city last evening from Centralia and to-day he took the body of his son home for burial.

Dayton Stonecipher died at St. Mary's Hospital at 1 o'clock this morning, the result of injuries by being struck by a train at the Eldorado street crossing of the Wabash road, Thursday night. The unfortunate young man, who was 22 years of age, had suffered the amputation of his left arm and left leg, and he was too weak to stand it. It was thought that he might recover but he had a quick change, and gradually grew weaker until he died.

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Fred Liston is improving every day and will be able to be up and about in a week.

Mrs. Will Leiby has returned from a visit with Mrs. Ed. DeHaven at Indiana.

The Shellabarger Estate.

D. L. Bunn, conservator for Isaac

Shellabarger, in the county court, upon petition, to settle certain claims

against A. W. and Mark Oliver, of Wichita, Kan., and to act at once that

the interests of Mr. Shellabarger may be protected. It is represented in this petition that Mr. Shellabarger holds

Mark Oliver's note for \$31,000, the proceeds of the sale of Shellabarger's in-

terest in the mill at Wichita; that some

time ago the note was surrendered upon

conditions that \$3,000 in cash be paid,

and by payment of \$2,000 March 22,

1895, at a Wichita bank; it being further

stipulated that said Oliver would sur-

render 334 shares of the capital stock of

said mill to George Young, of Min-

neapolis, Minn., to be sold by direc-

tion of C. S. Cairns, son-in-law of

Isaac Shellabarger. The mill is mort-

gaged for \$29,000, including \$4,000 to

Isaac Shellabarger, and it is believed

that the mill is otherwise largely in

debt. Mr. Bunn is of the opinion that

he will be able to realize \$500 to \$1,000

on the stock, and will be enabled to col-

lect all or a part of the \$4,000 secured

by mortgage. Mr. Bunn is authorized

by the decree of Judge Hammer to have

the stock sold as he may deem best,

and to settle as best he can with the Oliver

Brothers to the best interests of the

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Heavy Worsted Diagonals and Matelassé Effects for Spring

Capes and Wraps, 52 inches wide, for \$1.50.

Latest in Black Goods is Crepon. We have them in all styles

and qualities at 50¢, 25¢, 15¢ and 12 1/2¢.

Fancy Crepon, in all the new evening shades, stock com-

plete at 15¢ per yard.

Frore's Kooch French Satin, the only genuine French

Satine on the market. They are to be had only of us. We

are showing a larger line than ever before.

Cotton Moreen, the new material for underskirts, to be

had at our wash dress goods department at 33, 35 and 37 cents a yard.

Scotch Zephyr Gingham in all the new stripes, checks and fancies.

Midlothian Zephyr, the new gingham, the prettiest

style for children and misses' wear. The best fabric on

the market at 15¢.

Black Goods.

20 pieces 40-inch figured English Mohair, 40¢.

23 pieces 40-inch figured French Fancies, 50¢.

30 pieces 40-inch figured German Novelties, 65¢.

16 pieces 40-inch figured French Fancies, 85¢.

16-inch silk finished Henriettes, \$1 goods for 68¢.

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CRUGGS PET COMPANY.

THEIR
TER SALE !

Now Complete
s Styles.
For This Week !

New Wash Goods.

All the latest novelties of the season are now open. Every purchaser has the choicest pattern.

Jacquet Dusch, the new sheer lawn, in an endless variety of styles.

Waferian Irish lawn, 40 inches wide, in all the pretty stripes and checks. Light or dark.

Muslin fancies black ground, white figures, the best thin material at 12^{1/2}.

Manhattan ducks. This season promises to be an exceptional one for duck suits. We have them in all styles and qualities at 50c, 75c, 11^{1/2} and 12^{1/2}.

Fancy crepon, in all the new evening shades, stock complete at 1^{1/2} per yard.

Tulle Koecklin French satin, the only genuine French satin on the market. They are to be had only of us. We are showing a far finer line than ever before.

Cotton Moreen, the new material for underskirts, to be had at our wash dress goods department at 35, 25 and 15 cents a yard.

Soutch zephyr gingham in all the new stripes, checks and fancies.

Midiethon Zephys, the new gingham, the prettiest styles, the newest fabric.

Zephyr gingham in every check and stripe, all the new designs for children and misses' wear. The best fabric on the market at 15c.

Ladies' Shirt Waists.

27 dozen ladies' laundered shirt waists, perfect fitting, worth 75c, this week 49c.

10 dozen corded edge shirt waists, worth \$1.25, this week 85 cents.

We are showing all the high class shirt waists up to \$2.50.

N & CO., DING ED TAILORS.

on in cost of all classes of recent tariff legislation, we selves in Decatur as the

Merchant Tailors, garment made within his for years as the Leading taur. Our workmanship has been our standard for

or the coming Spring

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2.50, 25.00, 27.50, 30.00

the tastes and pockets of every-
ment of woolens by far in the

NING FOR Dunlap Hats.

Spring season of 1895.

g Popular Priced Tailors,
n Shirt Makers.

THREE GEORGIA YARNS.

How Mrs. Lowe Was Surprised by a Trio of Snarrows.
Mr. Charley Willingham, in having his well cleaned at Marietta, got out of it a live reptile about eight inches long resembling a young alligator, but its head looked like a catfish. It had four feet and a long, sharp-pointed tail which it could twist like a snake would its appendage. Its skin was dark and sleek and dotted over with small yellow spots.

At Hawkinsville, while Mrs. A. A. Lowe was busily engaged with her domestic affairs, she heard, or thought she heard, somebody knocking at the door. Thinking perhaps that some of the neighbors had called she did not take time to go to the door, but invited them "to come in." Failing to get a response she repeated the invitation in a louder voice, as it appeared she was not heard. But still she got no reply save the continued knocking. Finally she came to the conclusion that whoever it was was deaf and dumb as an oyster, and she hastened to the door and opened it. When she did so she was surprised to see a trio of buzzards, one sitting in a chair and the other two on a bench, indifferently pecking away at some bones that had been thrown out for the dogs.

Rosca has a prodigy in the way of a little child, only three years old. Little Ragan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Barrett, can answer more Bible

verses than most people can afford to experiment. They want immediate relief. That's why they use One Minute Cough Cure.

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the town of Decatur, county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the several voting precincts named on town on the

2d Day of April, 1895.

For the purpose of electing one Justice of the Peace, to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Macon, office in said town, which election will be opened at 6 o'clock in the morning, and continue until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 11th day of March, 1895.

CHARLES C. WALLACE, Town Clerk.

March 12-13.

REDEMPTION NOTICE.

To George Smith and the owners and parties interested in the land or lots hereinbefore described.

You are hereby notified that if a sale of lands and town lots for state, county, and special taxes made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1895, for the taxes and special assessments for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs, is purchased the following described lot situated in said county, to-wit:

Lot fourteen (14) in block (4) of Higgins addition.

The same was assessed and taxed in the name of George Smith and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 29th day of June A. D. 1895.

B. K. DURFEE.

REDEEMPTION NOTICE.

To Aug. Luge and the owners and parties interested in the land or lots hereinbefore described.

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Lot thirteen (13) in block (4) of Higgins addition.

The same was assessed and taxed in the name of Aug. Luge and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 29th day of June A. D. 1895.

B. K. DURFEE.

Administrator's Notice.

To Estate of Rebecca A. Sechrist, Deceased. The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Rebecca A. Sechrist, deceased, of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, before the court of common pleas of the county of Macon, and state of Illinois, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time a final accounting will be made of the estate, and the administration closed, and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1895.

CHAS. F. BACHMAN, Administrator.

March 15-16.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16.

Return of the Best Play Ever Seen in
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ALL THE THRILLING FEATURES.

That Unique Pickaninny

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THE AMERICAN TRAVESTY CO.

And EDDIE FOY

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70 PEOPLE.

In the Brightest Show that Ever
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IT WAS A SURPRISE.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

The Chinese guilds in Shanghai have agreed to subscribe to a loan of 500,000 taels.

The failure of Buttrick & Elliman was announced yesterday at the New York stock exchange.

The American loan opened in London yesterday at 5% per cent. premium and closed unchanged.

A dispatch from Shanghai says that Gen. Sung, commander-in-chief in Manchuria, has been killed by a fall from his horse.

At their meeting yesterday morning the directors of the New York Central railroad company declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent., a reduction of 1/4 per cent.

The Violet, with the president on board, arrived at Norfolk, Va., at noon yesterday. It should take her about twenty-two hours to reach Washington from Norfolk.

A man was blown to pieces at Fenchurch-street station, London, yesterday afternoon, by the explosion of a bomb which he was carrying and dropped, apparently by accident.

The statement is made upon good authority that the decision of the United States supreme court on the constitutionality of the income tax will be rendered before Monday, April 15.

In the convention at Phoenix, Ariz., A. E. Pierce, of Denver, was yesterday elected grand master workman of the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Speaking at a banquet of sugar refiners Thursday evening Premier Ribot of France declared that he would support the imposition of a sur tax on sugars produced in other than European countries.

Gen. Joseph C. Shelby, of Missouri, has lost his suit at Lexington, Ky., to break his mother's will, the jury deciding for Mrs. Clay, the defendant. The verdict was a great surprise and will be appealed.

Attorney-General Olney will appear on behalf of the United States in the supreme court in the Debs case on appeal from the United States court for the northern district of Illinois. The case is set for the first Monday in April.

Alois Foldi killed himself on Logan avenue, a fashionable thoroughfare in Denver, Col., at noon yesterday, by exploding a dynamite cartridge about an inch and a half in diameter and four inches long. The entire left side of the body was blown into fragments.

GEN. SHAKESPEARE'S PENSION.

The Order Reducing It to be Temporarily Set Aside.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Assistant Attorney-General Whitney of the department of justice has given an opinion regarding the reduction of the pension of Gen. William Shakespeare, of Kalamazoo, Mich., from \$72 to \$30, stating that there might be a doubt as to the sufficiency of the notice and advising that the proceedings modifying the pension be set aside and commenced again by giving fuller notice to Gen. Shakespeare.

Commissioner Lochren said that he would act upon the suggestion of Judge Whitney to annul and modify the proceedings and the matter will stand for the present as if notice had not been given.

Gen. Shakespeare, like Judge Long, had commenced injunction proceedings in the courts.

AT HIS POST AGAIN.

Secretary Gresham: Mum on the Spanish Affairs.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Secretary Gresham, in spite of his sickness and the inclemency of the weather, resumed duty at the state department yesterday, and was closeted with Assistant Secretary Uhl for several hours. Mr. Gresham left the department at 2 p.m. and returned to his hotel.

Neither he nor any other state department official would discuss the Spanish affair further than to admit the accuracy of the published text of the dispatch sent to Minister Taylor at Madrid. No expression could be obtained from them on Minister Muruaga's somewhat drastic comments upon the action of the department.

The president will be back to-day and further steps may then be taken.

Sanitarium Burned.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 16.—The Hygiene sanitarium, owned by a stock company, of which Dr. G. A. Fletcher is president and chief owner, caught fire yesterday from a defective fuse and was completely destroyed. The fire department could get no water within a thousand feet. The patients were all removed. Loss, \$8,000; insurance, about \$3,000.

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Settled all His Contracts.

NEW YORK, March 16.—It is announced that Clarence McKim has settled all his contracts on the stock exchange in full and will be reinstated next week.

El Hung Chang Sails for Japan.

SHANGHAI, March 15.—Li Hung Chang, China's peace envoy, sailed for Japan this afternoon with his suite of forty persons.

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FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION.

Three Thousand Pounds of Nitroglycerine Explodes, Wrecking the Hancock Chemical Works.

HOUGHTON, Mich., March 16.—About 3,000 pounds of nitroglycerine exploded at the Hancock chemical works near Dollar Bay, at 12:30 yesterday. All the buildings of the company were wrecked. It being noon, only one man was killed. Several were injured by flying debris, but none seriously. The cause of explosion will always be a mystery.

The man who was killed is named Dominic E. Christini. His duty was to attend to the mixing of acid and glycerine. He was in the nitroglycerine vault when the explosion occurred. Not even a minute particle of his remains can be found. His partner, Carl Ulrich, who was in the mixing house, only twenty feet away, had a most miraculous escape by being wedged between the acid tubs covered by an iron framework.

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Hundreds of people from all parts of the country were on the grounds within half an hour after the explosion. Engineer Shields of the Hancock and Calumet passenger train saw the explosion while at the water tank near by.

CENTRAL PACIFIC AFFAIRS.

Report of Sir Charles Rivers Wilson—Advises Equitable Union with the Southern Pacific.

LONDON, March 16.—Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, who went to California last winter to investigate Central Pacific railway affairs, read his report at the meeting of the English shareholders yesterday. He had not found, he said, any noteworthy cases in which the Southern Pacific had diverted traffic from the Central Pacific. He was convinced that some of the leases to the Southern Pacific were illegal on the ground that the same persons were parties to both sides of the contract; also owing to the inadequacy of the consideration. The future prosperity of the Central Pacific would be found in an equitable union with the Southern Pacific.

Commissioner F. G. Banbury, who presided, said that Sir Charles had consented to return to the United States and continue his negotiations with the government.

BREACH OF DIPLOMATIC USAGE.

Baron Fava Ignores the State Department and Addresses Gov. McIntyre.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The information contained in the message received yesterday by the secretary of state from Gov. McIntyre of Colorado, saying that Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, had addressed him directly on the subject of the Walsenburg affair, created somewhat of a surprise at the state department as being quite contrary to diplomatic usage. It is expected that a representative of a foreign country shall transact all his diplomatic business with officers of the government or officers of state governments through the state department.

Assistant Secretary Uhl, when asked about the action of Baron Fava, however, seemed to attach no particular importance to it, and did not commit himself on the subject.

MUST BE ROOTED OUT.

No More Secret Societies to be Permitted in the Ann Arbor High School.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 16.—The school board yesterday unanimously passed a resolution that the fraternities in the high school must be rooted out. The new rule reads: "Any student who belongs to a secret society or fraternity or has any connection thereto, after ten days' notice to withdraw from same, will be subject to suspension or forfeiture of diploma at graduation, or both."

The board stands ready to suspend every fraternity man in the high school if necessary to enforce the rule. It will go into effect next Tuesday and it is expected there will be trouble.

CUBAN REBELS

Attacked and Dispersed by Maj. Sagarraga at Juan Wilson.

HAVANA, March 16.—Maj. Sagarraga reports from Cobre that he has overtaken, attacked, and dispersed a band of 200 rebels under Guaire Birba at a place called Juan Wilson. The rebels lost heavily in killed and wounded. The government troops lost one killed and two wounded. The bulk of the scattered band are proceeding toward Hongolosong.

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THE DECORATING CRAB.

Disguises Assumed by the Sea Spider for Protection.

Scraps of Marine Plants Set Upon Its Back to Conceal Its Wherabouts—Curious Ways of a Guest at Castle Garden Aquarium.

The sea spider, or decorating crab, has something of the appearance of a spider, but it is not repulsive as the spider is. It is common in many localities. The particular decorating crab here pictured is in the city's aquarium at Castle Garden, says the New York Sun. This crab is about seven-eighths of an inch in size, so that the picture shows it at nearly life size. The decorating crab attains a size of five inches or more, but usually after reaching two inches it ceases to decorate itself. It lives on other small crustaceans and small fish.

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1 pack New York Potatoes.....	\$.01	7 bars Fairbanks' Soap	\$.25
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1 lb Ginger Shape.....	\$.01	1 quart Liquid Blusing.....	\$.09
3 large cakes Buttermilk Soap	\$.20	1 gallon best Kroat.....	\$.19
50 lbs Lord's Best Flour.....	\$.03	1 gallon White Drip Syrup.....	\$.40
1 lb good Japan Tea.....	\$.48	1 can Blackberries.....	\$.05
1 dozen Lemons.....	\$.23	1 can Sweet Corn.....	\$.05
1 can Cream Baking Powder	\$.25	1 can String Beans.....	\$.05
3 lbs the Best Lump Starch.....	\$.10	1 can Tomatoes.....	\$.10
1 lb Corn Starch.....	\$.10		
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This ended matters, and Mrs. Anderson took the kitten out, giving orders that she was to be kept in the kitchen and never again allowed to enter the room where Bob was. But the other day either the servant was careless or forgot the instruction, for Fanny sur-

prised the kitten on the head.

Harro's mother said no more, and her son and four other men set out for the wreck, which was now quite under water. The waves were so furious that it was difficult to approach. At last the lifeboat reached it, and Harro climbed the mast and fetched the half-frozen man down. He was laid in the bottom of the lifeboat, and Harro bent over him and remained so until the boat was so near shore that his voice could be heard. Then he waved his cap and shouted:

"Tell my mother we have saved Uwe!"

CRUSHED THE MASHER.

One of the "New Women" Declined to Be Put in a False Position.

The "New Woman" shows to the best advantage when brought into contact with a certain kind of man that hasumbered the earth from the beginning, without being materially affected by the moral advancement of his race. One of this sort entered a Fifth avenue stage in New York the other day, says Kate Field's Washington, and seeing a tall, brilliant-looking girl seated in the far corner, he took the vacant place next her, accosting her exactly as if he were an acquaintance. To his surprise she answered politely, and for a couple of blocks they affably discussed the weather. Then she signaled the driver to stop, and got out, followed by the inwardly astonished masher, who had expected only to be repulsed with the cold stare cultivated by the average town-bred young woman for use in such emergencies. When they reached the curbstone she gave him a second surprise.

"I have stopped on the beat of the largest policeman on the avenue," said she, in a voice he would not have recognized as that of his companion in the bus, "and if you are not a block away

now, this sort of thing did not suit Bob at all. Fearing that Gyp might be

getting the worst of it, he flew down from his perch of safety and hovered over the rolling ball of wool and fur,

screeching and screaming in his shrill little voice, striking a rap with his beak whenever the cat came on top. Finally

Gyp and Fanny stood up against a sewing machine and beat each other about lustily. Meanwhile Bob, flitting around above, by chance set his tiny claw under the foot of the machine, and a sudden move of the cat and dog below turned the treadle, driving the needle too quickly through the bird's middle toe and pinning him fast.

Bob's fluttering and screeching in

his defenseless condition diverted Gyp

from his antagonist below, but what

could the poor fellow do? Being

weighy of body and far from nimble

at best with his little short legs, he

could only stand up on his hind feet

and yap his sympathy. But the sly

Fanny, seeing a chance to improve her opportunities, sprang upon the machine, and in another moment would

have pounced upon poor Bob and made

an end of him, had not the gardener

rushed in at the nick of time. The

kitten was at once sent away, never to return.

A glance convinced him that infirmity

of purpose was not among her failings,

and the big officer was coming nearer

every moment, so the offener stammered something meant for an apology

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Within five minutes I will have you ar-

rested. I spoke to you because I knew

three women on the opposite side of

that stage, and I wasn't going to have it

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GREAT MARCH SALE OF GOLD-FILLED WATCHES!

We are going to offer for the balance of March our entire line of Gold-Filled Watches at prices lower than the goods can be bought by houses which have to buy them in moderate quantities. Our February inventory shows too much stock of this kind. Over 1,000 watches will be offered in this sale. The early buyers will get the best selection of styles.

Ladies' Gold-Filled Watches.

	March Price.
Elgin or Waltham Movement, worth \$20.00,	\$13.00
" " " " 25.00,	15.00
" " " " 28.00,	16.00
" " " " 29.00,	17.00
" " " " 30.00,	18.00
" " " " 32.00,	20.00

Gents' Gold-Filled Watches.

	March Price.
Elgin, Waltham or Springfield Movem't, worth \$20.00	\$13.50
" " " " 22.00	15.00
" " " " 25.00	17.00
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We have just received a big line of Hanan & Son's Men's Fine Shoes, in calf, Vici kid and kangaroo, in black and russet. We have them in all the desirable shapes and styles of toes, from the needle point to the natural last. The Manhattan toe is considered the newest and best thing out. This style and the needle point are those which will be most worn by gentlemen this year. We know these goods are all right as to style, thorough workmanship and first class material. We invite inspection and feel sure you will purchase.

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A FULL LINE OF

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1895.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MASONIC—Special meeting of Mason Lodge No. 8, A. F. and A. M., this evening, at 7 o'clock, for work in first degree. All members requested to be present. C. B. HUGHES, W. M. W. L. HAMMER, Sec.

LOCAL NEWS.

TRY Irwin's Poultry Powder.

MUNYON'S Remedies at Dawson's, mch15-dlw

SMITH'S Columbia cylinder oils, dtf

STRICKNEY'S Eldorado Cigar at Irwin's, All of Munyon's Remedies at Dawson's, mch15-dlw

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Go to Henry Bros. bakery for all kinds of cakes, pies, etc. sept20dltw

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MARCH, April, May, are the best months to take Tyler's Sarsaparilla Blood Purifier.

SEE our solid oak, 18x40 bevel plate, chvalve bedroom suite for only \$16.

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USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

My prescription department is very complete in all details; all the latest and purest chemicals. If you have a difficult case send it around to Tyler's.

We are the solo agents for the famous Quick Meal gasoline stoves.

BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. mch6-d&w2w

YESTERDAY afternoon the Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church had a meeting and decided to hold a musical some time during the week following Easter.

LARGE solid oak sidesboard with 18x32 bevel mirror for only \$10.

BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. m11-d&w1w

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Dale, who died of consumption, will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, No. 414 West Cerro Gordo street.

LAST night County Clerk Dodd and assistants worked until a late hour making out county orders, and he desires it stated that parties in interest can procure the orders by applying at the office Monday morning.

THE program for the anniversary of the senior Endeavor society of the First M. E. church will be an entertaining one. The anniversary exercises will be held Monday evening next. Rev. D. F. Howe will deliver the address.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

MEMBERS of Cour de Leon Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, are urgently requested to attend a meeting at the castle hall Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Matters of importance will come up for consideration.

REV. M. L. WAGNER will go to Lafayette, Ind., to day, and to day he will hold services in a small town near that place. Owing to his absence from the city there will be no services at the English Lutheran church in this city on Sunday.

A CONTENTED mind is better than riches. Dr. Price's Baking Powder brings content.

REV. C. G. Wood has accepted an invitation from American Council No. 95, A. P. A., to deliver an address Sunday afternoon at Grand Army hall. His subject will be "Our Country." The address will be made at 2:30, and a general invitation is extended to the public to attend.

THE Spencer & Lehman Co. have the exclusive agency of the celebrated Troy Carriage Co.'s surreys and carriages and the full line of Henney buggies. They will also carry a full assortment of buggies, surreys, phaetons and road wagons of lower grade.

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THE sooner you begin to fight the fire the more easily it may be extinguished. The sooner you begin taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for your blood-disease, the easier will be the cure. In both cases, delay is dangerous, if not fatal. Be sure you get Ayer's and no other.

NANTIC item in Sangamon Record: "Mrs. Dr. Clark removed to Decatur this week. The M. E. church sustains a great loss and the schoolmates and teacher of Miss Mary, as well as of Horace and Linn, felt deeply grieved to part from them. They have many friends who wish them happiness in Decatur. Decatur gains a family to be proud of." Mrs. Clark is the mother of Mrs. J. M. Lee, wife of the city attorney.

FOR SPRING.
Powers' is the only store that shows ladies' plain razor toe in tan, kid and patent leather, AA and E. m12-d&w1f

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

The Wallace Printing House in the Loeb Block Burnt Out.

Loss Placed at \$16,000; Insurance, \$13,500; Mr. Loeb's Insurance Unknown.

The P. Loeb building on East North street, on the alley back of the Time block, occupied by the Dr. A. J. Wallace Job Printing House, was gutted by fire last evening, and but for the courageous and efficient work of our fire department adjoining property, owned by Mr. Loeb and H. Shlaudeman, and occupied by Geo. W. Meyer, furniture dealer, the Young Bros. & Maris, wholesale grocers, the Harten saloon and other parties, would have gone up in smoke. As it was the fire was confined to the building on the alley, the loss for Mr. Wallace being about \$15,000; insurance \$13,500. The damage to the building is fully covered by insurance. The second and third floors are burnt out and the roof is off, while the windows are burnt out

THE START.

The fire started on the second floor at the rear, among the printing presses, and where there was a common cannon stove in which there was a fire, but just how it began will never be known. There was no one on that floor at the time. Arthur Lanham had taken the blade of the paper cutter away to get it sharpened, and Herbert Howes had gone out to deliver some work that had been finished. Dr. Wallace was in the business office on the first floor. He was the only person in the building at the time. Herbert Howes was the first to discover the fire. It was nearly five o'clock, when he came in the back way and saw sparks of fire falling down the elevator shaft and a blaze on the rear of the second floor. Herbert at once informed Dr. Wallace and the alarm was sent in calling the entire fire department to the scene. It came in a hurry, and then the entire second floor was in flames with fire going up the elevator opening. Chief Devore and the firemen saw at a glance that there was a hard battle ahead, and they went at it courageously, greatly handicapped from the very start because of the absence of sufficient ladders. The old ladders, which ought to do for Ramsay or some other small town where one-story buildings abound, are cumbersome things, and could not be used effectively. Consequently the firemen had to fight the fire standing on the ground, throwing water from eight sections of hose. It was a clear demonstration of uphill work with the odds against the firemen, and the wonder is that they were enabled to confine the flames to the building. The iron shutters on all the windows, next to the building fronting on Water street, were closed tight, and that was a fortunate circumstance. Otherwise the adjoining building would have been doomed, and it was no wonder that the members of the Young Bros. & Maris company and Mr. Meyer were watchful and anxious from start to finish.

The roof of the burning building fell in with a crash soon after 6 o'clock, and the crowd in the street scattered, as someone started the cry that the walls would fall, but the walls kept in place, and the firemen stood their ground, throwing water continuously on the fire through the windows keeping the flames from shooting upward to carry embers which might ignite adjacent property. In a short time the fire was known to be under control, and all fear of a spreading conflagration was allayed. But it took lots of hard work, skillfully directed by Chief Devore and the Fire Commissioners, Bacon, Ehrman and Cloyd, and then with one accord there was general praise for the effective efforts of the firemen and the steamer which never slipped a cog but kept right on pumping water, seemingly pleased to demonstrate its utility and staying qualities.

The damage to the roof, the third and second floors of the building is total. The upper part of the building from end to end is a wreck, and all of the Wallace stock on those floors is ruined. The printing presses and paper cutters are at the rear. Their condition is yet unknown. They are all badly rusted, and are more or less damaged by the heat. The typesetting department was on the second floor in the front room. Some of the type is in fair shape. When the fire was discovered many willing people assisted Dr. Wallace in carrying out books and stock from the first floor, the same being taken into the Bell drug store on the corner and some into the street. A considerable portion of the stock was damaged by the hasty handling.

The basement of the building is used for the engine and boiler room. There was no fire down there, but there was an abundance of water. Dr. Wallace has been furnishing power for the elevators in the furniture and wholesale grocery houses, and there is a tunnel under the alley for the belts. The water found its way into the basement of the grocery house, and it was climbing higher all the time when discovered. Then holes were cut in the floor to let it reach the sewer outlet and thus was some water damage averted. There were men on the roofs when the fire was at its height to act in case of an emergency.

A SECOND ALARM.
At 5:30 o'clock this morning the fire

department was called to the building again, because of paper burning on the upper floor. The firemen did not use any water. They threw the rolls of paper into the street and let them burn.

JOHN DUFFY BURT.

Early in the engagement John Duffy, of No. 1 hose house, one of the old men and heretofore lucky in fighting the flames, was seriously burned on the face and hands. He was on a ladder holding a nozzle pouring water into the seething fire, when the windows above burst out and fell down upon him. He was in a shower of fire from above and from the window on a level with him. He was severely scorched and was carried away to be attended by Dr. E. B. Walton. Subsequently he was taken to his home. Mr. Duffy's worst injuries are on his arms and hands. He is not dangerously burned.

WILL LEIBY, of No. 2 hose house, was burned on the right hand and hit on the back. He was out-to-day as usual.

It is now believed that the city will purchase necessary ladders. If it is not done, and done at once, somebody ought to get up a benefit entertainment so that money could be raised to make the purchase.

THE INSURANCE.

The A. J. Wallace loss is about \$15,000; insurance \$13,500 with the following local agencies:

S. R. Gher.....	3,250
Warren Agency.....	2,000
J. L. Drake.....	1,000
W. Z. Walmsley.....	1,000
Watkins & Scanlan.....	1,000
Montgomery & Shull.....	2,000
Lewis & Moore.....	1,000
Johnson & Dimock.....	1,500

Total \$13,500

Peter Loeb owned the building. He is at Thomasville, Ga. The building, was known to be worth between \$7,000 and \$8,000. It is not damaged half that, or more than \$4,000. The amount of his insurance could not be learned. O. B. Gorin sent Mr. Loob a telegram immediately after the fire. The building is fully insured.

The Young Bros. & Maris company will send in a claim for damage by fire and smoke. The amount of the loss is not known, but it is fully covered by insurance.

O. B. Gorin to-day received a telegram from P. Loob and Mr. Stanton, dated at Thomasville, Ga., stating that they would arrive in Decatur Monday morning by way of Indianapolis.

IN TOWN.

E. W. Barkman of Polo, Secretary of the Illinois State Firemen's Association, is in the city, making preparations for the state tourney to be held here in July. He was at the fire last night, and says the Decatur firemen did great work. He agrees with every body that Decatur ought to have a proper hook and ladder outfit and about 3000 feet more hose and more pipes. Mr. B. further states that Decatur will have a cracker-jack tourney in July, with lots of apparatus and people.

Alleged Bandit Exonerated.

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., March 15.—Daniel T. Sherwood, who claimed that Charles Sanders, Sid Watts, Warren Logan and Dave McKaskill had endeavored to induce him to hold up a Wabash train with them, has made an affidavit exonerating Sanders from all complicity in the plot. The four men accused have all stood well here and the truth of the charge against them has been doubted from the outset.

Final Examination.

To day Mr. Keller, county superintendent of schools, is conducting the annual final examination of pupils from the country schools at the High School building. There are about 300 young people attending the examination. It is an individual examination. The result will not be made known until after all the papers are examined and marked.

No Better.

Senator Kanan was at Galesburg, near Elkhart, Friday, visiting ex-Governor Oglesby and family. Mr. Oglesby is in poor health. He does not mend as rapidly as it was hoped he would. There is no serious concern expressed just now, but the General is taking extra care of himself in obedience to orders and he is receiving the best of attention.

WILL the next president come from the west? Dr. Price's Baking Powder is a favorite in every western state.

The Midnight Fire.

Last night at 10 o'clock fire broke out in the residence occupied by a man by the name of Herman, situated about one fourth of a mile west of the St. Louis bridge. The building was a complete wreck together with some of the household effects. The exact amount of the loss could not be ascertained.

Hearing Arguments.

In the Wix-Clark \$5,000 damage case, which has been on trial in the circuit court since Thursday, the attorney are now addressing the jury on points at issue. The jury will get the case this evening.

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